

REMARKS

Claims 2-7 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 8, and 9 are now pending.

Although the Office Action sets forth the relationship of the species, figures and claims, applicants believe the relationship to be as follows:

Claim 1	Species II	Fig. 2
Claim 2	Species III	Figs. 3a and 3b
Claim 3	Species IV	Fig. 4a and 4b
Claim 4	Species V	Fig. 5
Claim 5	Species VII	Figs. 7 and 8
Claim 6	Species VII	Figs. 7 and 8
Claim 7	Species VII	Figs. 7 and 8
Claim 8	Species I	Figure 1
Claim 9	Species I	Figure 1

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute species of Fig. 2. It is believed that claim 1 reads on the elected species. The Examiner is requested to consider rejoining of claims 8 and 9 upon an indication of allowability of claim 1. The Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

The Applicants respectfully request any early examination on the elected claim and favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions with this Response, please feel free to call the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

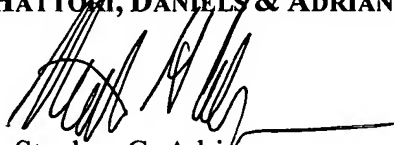
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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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